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TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS AND RADIO NEWS BRIEFING,
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MR. WHITE: Gentlemen, we have three releases. The first, No. 674, is a slight revision of the same numbered release we gave you late yesterday afternoon. There is nothing of any substance changed, simply the wording. If you would disregard the one we gave you yesterday, and use this one which is for publication at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, this concerns the establishment in Western Europe of an advanced International Institute of Science and Technology.

Q Are there any changes in substance over the one previously issued?

A No. No. But use the new one. No change in substance. Some editorial changes.

Secondly, No. 675, Mr. Bernard Rosen, San Francisco Regional Director of the U. S. Civil Service Commission since Oct. '58, has been appointed a Deputy Director in the Department's Office of Personnel.

Thirdly, which has already been given out, in case those of you who were not over earlier did not get it, it is No. 676, for publication 12:30 today, an address by Mrs. Katie Louchheim, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, before the "Woman of the Year" luncheon, sponsored by the Women's Division of the

A Well, here again I have to refer you back to the Defense Department. To my knowledge they have no information to the effect that they have been crated, but they are the responsible authority on this type of business.

Q Linc, do you have any information about the building of a naval base in Cuba?

A Well, on the--I take it here now, since--let's be absolutely precise--you are talking about a story in the Baltimore Sun this morning; is that correct?

Q Yes. Banes.

A Pardon?

Q Banes, B-a-n-e-s.

A There has been speculation for some time over the possible development of a "fishing port" in the Banes, B-a-n-e-s area of northeast Cuba. In September, however, a Soviet-Cuba agreement was announced to the effect that a fishing harbor would be built on the northwest shores of Cuba at Havana. Now we are aware that so-called fishing ports could be at a number of locations, including Banes. There is considerable commercial fishing in international waters of the Caribbean. We are also aware that such ports might be used for naval vessels of various kinds. Since the United States Government is anxious to see that such facilities do not present a military threat to the United States or to this Hemisphere, we will

continue to follow with great interest any port building activities in Cuba.

Q If it does turn out that they are naval facilities, would that be considered an offensive weapons development?

A Well, I say we are anxious to see that this does not happen. Should it happen, I assume that the appropriate measures would be taken, but I just don't want to breathe on any crystal balls this morning.

Q Well,^{is} some sort of a port being built there?

A At Banes?

Q Yes.

A Not that I am aware of. The only one I am aware of is this one that they spoke about at Havana.

Q Has that started being built?

A That I don't know.

Q You said that you were anxious to see that this does not happen, or you would take appropriate measures--precisely what are we anxious to see doesn't happen?

A That any military threat to the United States or the Western Hemisphere does not occur in Cuba.